

Congresswoman Debbie Halvorson met with World War II veterans from Will County on Wednesday for a ceremony to recognize their sacrifice and service to our country. The several dozen veterans in attendance were part of Honor Flight Chicago, a non-profit organization that brings WWII veterans to Washington, DC to participate in a day of honor and remembrance. Congresswoman Halvorson spent time at the WWII Memorial with the group and thanked them for their service to America.

"These are heroes. To have the opportunity to be with these courageous men, at our nation's memorial to the Greatest Generation, and personally say 'thank you' is truly an honor. It's an experience I'll never forget," said Halvorson.

The group participated in a color guard ceremony at the memorial and held a moment of silence in remembrance of the fallen who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of freedom.

The veterans also visited the Iwo Jima, Lincoln, Korean and Vietnam Memorials before they departed back to Chicago.

As the only member from Illinois on the House Veterans Affairs Committee, Congresswoman Halvorson has been a strong advocate for wounded and disabled veterans. She serves on the House Veterans Committee's Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs. In her first term in office, Halvorson has introduced and passed several pieces of legislation aimed at helping wounded veterans and military families, including the Disabled Veterans' Health Care Fairness Act, HR 1335, and the Wounded Warrior Caregiver Assistance Act, HR 2898.